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In re Application of:

Steven John Romme et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
REFILLING A DISPENSER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, replace lines 2-10 with the following:

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. application entitled System and Method for Refilling a Dispenser, Serial No. 09/660,049, attorney docket no. 659/704 filed September 12, 2000, which is a continuation in part of pending U.S. application entitled System and Dispenser for Dispensing Wet Wipes, Serial No. 09/565,227, attorney docket no. 659/648 filed May 4, 2000, which is a continuation in part of pending U.S. application entitled Dispenser For Premoistened Wipes, Serial No. 09/545,995, attorney docket no. 659/623, which was filed on April 10, 2000, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-49.

Please add new claims 50 – 69 as follows:

50. A method for providing a wet wipes dispenser comprising:
- determining that a wet wipes dispenser comprises a tray and a wiper;
 - determining that the tray or wiper can be removed from the dispenser;
 - determining that the tray or wiper comprise mounting elements for mounting the tray or wiper to the dispenser;
 - determining the dimensions and placement of the mounting elements;
 - manufacturing a manufactured tray or manufactured wiper;
 - the manufactured tray or manufactured wiper comprising manufactured mounting elements;
 - the manufactured mounting elements having dimensions and placement which are substantially the same as the dimensions and placement of the mounting elements; and

providing instruction to remove the tray or wiper from a second dispenser and to mount the manufactured tray or manufactured wiper to the second dispenser.

51. The method of claim 50, wherein the dispenser comprises an opening, and the mounting element of the tray is at least one pin;
the opening and the pin mating together to mount the tray to the dispenser.

52. The method of claim 50, wherein the dimensions of the manufactured tray are smaller than the dimensions of the tray.

53. The method of claim 50, wherein the dispenser comprises a post, and the mounting element of the wiper is at least one opening;
the post and the opening mating together to mount the wiper to the dispenser.

54. The method of claim 50, wherein the tray comprises guides, and the manufactured wiper is shaped to cooperate with the guides.

55. The method of claim 50, further comprising:
providing a plurality of wet wipes; and
providing instruction to place the wet wipes in a second dispenser comprising a manufactured tray or manufactured wiper.

56. The method of claim 55, wherein the wipes are contained in a bacterial resistant container.

57. A method for providing a wet wipes dispenser comprising:
obtaining a wet wipes dispenser, the dispenser comprising a tray, a wiper, and an interior; the tray situated in the interior;
determining that the tray can be removed from the dispenser;
determining the dimensions of the interior;
manufacturing a container for wipes based on the dimensions;
providing a plurality of wipes for the container; and

providing instruction to remove the tray from a second dispenser and to place the container in the interior of the second dispenser.

58. The method of claim 57, wherein the container comprises a bacterial resistant seal.

59. The method of claim 57, further comprising:
determining that the tray comprises at least one pin, and that the dispenser comprises an opening; the opening and the pin mating together to mount the tray to the dispenser; and
determining the dimensions and placement of the pin;
wherein the container comprises at least one pin having dimensions and placement which are substantially the same as the dimensions and placement of the obtained pin.

60. The method of claim 59, wherein the container comprises a bacterial resistant seal.

61. The method of claim 57, further comprising:
determining that the tray comprises at least one pin, and that the dispenser comprises an opening; the opening and the pin mating together to mount the tray to the dispenser;
determining the dimensions and placement of the pin; and
manufacturing a manufactured tray comprising at least one pin having dimensions and placement which are substantially the same as the dimensions and placement of the pin; wherein the container can be placed in the tray; and
providing instruction to mount the manufactured tray in the interior of the second dispenser.

62. The method of claim 57, further comprising:
determining that the wiper can be removed from the dispenser; and
providing instruction to remove the wiper from the dispenser.

63. The method of claim 62, further comprising:
determining that the wiper comprises at least one opening, and that the dispenser comprises a post; the post and the opening mating together to mount the wiper to the dispenser;
determining the dimensions and placement of the opening;
manufacturing a manufactured wiper comprising at least one opening having dimensions and placement which are substantially the same as the dimensions and placement of the obtained opening; and
providing instruction to mount the manufactured wiper to the second dispenser.

64. A method for providing a wet wipes dispenser comprising:
obtaining a wet wipes dispenser, the dispenser comprising a tray and a wiper; the tray comprising an interior;
determining that the wiper can be removed from the dispenser;
determining the dimensions of the interior;
manufacturing a plurality of wipes based on the dimensions; and
providing instruction to remove the wiper from a second dispenser and to place the wipes in the interior of the tray.

65. The method of claim 64, further comprising:
determining that the wiper comprises at least one opening, and that the dispenser comprises a post; the post and the opening mating together to mount the wiper to the dispenser;
determining the dimensions and placement of the opening;
manufacturing a manufactured wiper comprising at least one opening having dimensions and placement which are substantially the same as the dimensions and placement of the obtained opening; and
providing instruction to mount the manufactured wiper to the second dispenser.

66. The method of claim 65, wherein
the wiper comprises a first blade, the first blade having a first stiffness;
and

the manufactured wiper comprises a second blade, the second blade
having a second stiffness such that the first stiffness is greater than the second
stiffness.

67. The method of claim 65, wherein the manufactured wiper comprises
raised areas.

68. The method of claim 65, wherein the tray comprises guides, and the
manufactured wiper is shaped to cooperate with the guides.

69. The method of claim 64, wherein the wipes are contained in a bacterial
resistant container.

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. The specification has been amended to identify the application as a continuation of pending U.S. application entitled System and Method for Refilling a Dispenser, Serial No. 09/660,049, attorney docket no. 659/704 filed September 12, 2000, and to correct the claim to domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. New claims have been added.

Attached herewith is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by this amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required to
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Belvis", written over a horizontal line.

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